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## **HOUSE RESOLUTION 2008**

A RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE NATION OF ISRAEL.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1       Whereas, Israel and the United States share the same values of freedom,  
2       democracy, economic opportunity and respect for human dignity; and

3       Whereas, the Jewish people have maintained a continual presence in  
4       their homeland for thousands of years; and

5       Whereas, Israel has sought peaceful resolutions to conflicts so that  
6       all of its citizens may live, work, play and go to school in peace and  
7       without fear; and

8       Whereas, Israel has a right to secure and defensible borders, and has a  
9       right to be free from rocket attacks on its schools and homes that have  
10      averaged one rocket every seven hours over the past five years; and

11      Whereas, Israel and the United States have a shared interest in seeing  
12      an end to global terrorism since many of the same forces that threaten Israel  
13      also threaten the United States, especially the threat of Iran in producing  
14      nuclear weapons. When we strengthen Israel's security, we are strengthening  
15      America's security as well; and

16      Whereas, Israel cooperates with the United States on intelligence  
17      sharing and technological development and as a high-level strategic partner  
18      in the Middle East, which fosters a special relationship that serves as the  
19      basis for long-term peace and stability in the region; and

20      Whereas, Israel and Arizona are trade partners, a relationship we seek  
21      to enhance, sharing developments and cooperating in partnerships in  
22      education, technology, agriculture, medicine, solar energy,  
23      telecommunications, homeland security and numerous other fields. We  
24      recognize Israel's contributions to the world, including the development of  
25      the cell phone, armor to protect American soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan  
26      and a new bandage that was used to help save the life of Congresswoman  
27      Gabrielle Giffords; and

28      Whereas, Israel is one of the first nations to quickly mobilize to  
29      provide global assistance in the wake of disasters, including humanitarian  
30      assistance provided to refugees of genocide in Rwanda and Sudan and the  
31      victims of the tsunami in Sri Lanka, the provision of doctors and medical  
32      supplies to earthquake victims in Haiti and aid to victims of Hurricane  
33      Katrina in New Orleans; and

34      Whereas, Israel receives vital military and security assistance from  
35      the United States, much of which, in turn, is spent here in Arizona with its  
36      defense contractors, which benefits our state's economy and which hopefully  
37      will soon include Israeli pilots training on the new Joint Strike Fighters at  
38      Luke Air Force base; and

39      Whereas, Israel is the only true ally of the United States in the  
40      Middle East.

41      Therefore

42      Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona:

43      1. That the Members of the House of Representatives wholeheartedly  
44      support the Israeli government's call for peace and direct talks to lead us  
45      to that peace.

1           2. That the Members of the House of Representatives stand in support  
2 of Israel as a beacon of democracy, reject any attempts to "delegitimize" the  
3 Nation of Israel and proclaim that all countries should recognize Israel's  
4 right to exist and its right to defend itself and its people.

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February 27, 2012

  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

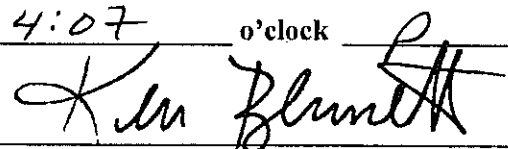
  
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**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE**

This Resolution received by the Secretary of State

this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012

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at 4:07 o'clock PM  
  
Secretary of State